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U.S. SENATOR FROM HAWAII



U.S. DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION

FISCAL YEAR 2000 THROUGH 2004
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
BREAKDOWN OF PROJECTS BY DISTRICT
(As of June 1, 2004)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

STATEWIDE

Native Hawaiian Vocational Education – \$14.28 million

This program supports vocational education in the State of Hawaii by preparing Native Hawaiians to successfully enter, compete, and advance in the ever-changing technological workplace. Native Hawaiians can secure access to vocational education through outreach, recruitment, support, retention, and employment placement services.

Rural Development Project/ Rural Remote Job Training Initiative – \$22.7 million

Senator Inouye was instrumental in creating this program in 1997, and has worked to secure funding annually. The project began on Lanai and has expanded to assist rural communities on all Neighbor Islands, offering job training, education, employment, and entrepreneurial opportunities. The program today serves all islands. It aims to train residents for high demand positions, especially in rural

areas. Targeted programs for teachers, principals, educational specialists, nurses, and firefighters have and will continue to be supported. It also supports community-based economic development.

Jobs Initiative Targeting Emerging Opportunities – \$500,000 (FY04)

This program is managed by the Hawaii Community Foundation, and focused on cruise line opportunities with Norwegian Cruise Line, and increasing the trades labor pool to support the privatization of military housing.

American Samoan/Asian Pacific Job Training – \$10.2 million (FY00 - FY03)

These funds supported targeted initiatives for American Samoans and Pacific and Asian immigrants to help with job training and placement.

Women in Technology – \$5.3 million

These funds support the Women in Technology program which focuses on getting women into the high technology fields throughout the State. The program works in partnership with local businesses.

OAHU

Kuhio Park Terrace Resource Center – \$6.7 million (FY00 & FY02)

These funds were used to complete a community resource center for American Samoans and Pacific Islanders living at Kuhio Park Terrace in Honolulu. The center replicated a traditional Polynesian structure, and provides a place to receive social services, health care, child care and job training. It also provides a place to share cultural traditions and participate in recreational activities.

KAUAI

Hawaii Department of Labor/Kauai Cooperative Education – \$185,000 (FY01)

This appropriation helped to alleviate the challenges faced by dislocated workers on the Island of Kauai, and implemented models developed to assist other affected communities statewide.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

STATEWIDE

The Primary Care Association of Hawaii Telehealth and Outreach – \$1 million

The Primary Care Association of Hawaii is the umbrella organization for Hawaii's community health centers. This funding will allow staff to teach the various health centers how to effectively utilize their Weinberg-funded telehealth equipment and work collaborative on joint projects, such as a unified record system. It will also provide technical support for those neighbor islands that are interested in developing a health center, such as Molokai and Lanai.

New Mexico-Hawaii Telehealth – \$1.75 million (FY01 & FY02)

This appropriation supported telehealth consultations between the University of Hawaii Medical School and the University of New Mexico. Both partners benefitted from shared expertise in both the science and practice of health care.

Emergency Medical Services for Children – \$37 million

The bill would continue funding for a nationwide program created by Senator Inouye nearly 20 years ago, when he was concerned that children were being treated like "little adults" when their needs were different. This initiative also includes funding for the Hana Community Health Center.

Administration on Aging Grants to Native Hawaiian Organizations -- \$11.75 million

This funding will provide services for Hawaii's Native Hawaiian elderly population.

Native Hawaiian Health Care (Papa Ola Lokahi) – \$39.25 million

The funds enable Papa Ola Lokahi and the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems to continue their efforts to improve access and delivery of health care to Native Hawaiians by making primary care, health education, and disease prevention services available. This initiative also supports the Native Hawaiian Health Professionals Scholarship Program, which strives to increase the number of Native Hawaiians in health care professions. The funds will also strengthen existing programs and further partnerships with the federally qualified health centers, such as those in Waimanalo, Waianae, Hilo, Molokai and Hana.

Community Health Centers, Childhood Rural Asthma Project – \$800,000

These funds will go to each of the neighbor islands to develop programs targeted towards asthma. On the Big Island, during volcanic activity, visits to emergency rooms increase by 80 percent. The Centers for Disease Control has, in the past, sent staff to the Big Island to look into this problem.

OAHU

Kuakini Hospital Research Facility – \$100,000 (Since FY03)

Kuakini Hospital's research facility is in need of renovation and expansion. Their Honolulu Heart study data is of national significance.

Waianae Coast Community Health Center Leadership Training – \$100,000 (Since FY03)

This funding will support continuation of the Center's Pacific Basin leadership conference.

Waimanalo Community Health Center Outreach to Koolauloa – \$200,000 (FY04)

These funds allow the Center to serve as a mentor to the Koolauloa community, as efforts continue to establish a unified federally qualified health center. The goal is to establish a community health center in Koolauloa serving the uninsured and underinsured.

Koolauloa Prevention Project – \$1 million (FY04)

This initiative, which is screening- and prevention-based, would support a program in Koolauloa including both Hauula and Kahuku.

BIG ISLAND

University of Hawaii at Hilo Pharmacy Program – \$1.75 million (Since FY02)

There is a major shortage of clinical pharmacists across the nation. Currently, there are sufficient numbers of Hawaii residents in pharmacy programs on the mainland to fill the Hilo program the day it opens. The UH-Hilo program will have a Pacific Basin, indigenous health and ethnobotany orientation. The first graduating class is expected in the year 2006. The science program will provide basic scientific training in environmental issues.

Community Health Centers, Big Island – \$1.75 million

These funds will continue the Big Island anti-drug initiatives throughout the island from school-based outreach and counseling to treatment.

Bay Clinic Community Health Center – \$50,000 (FY04)

These funds will be used to plan for a mental health clinic.

KAUAI

Kauai Community Health Centers – \$100,000 (Since FY03)

These funds have allowed the Kauai community health centers to expand to Kapaa and East Kauai. 40 percent of health center patients have no insurance and an additional third are on QUEST.

MAUI COUNTY

Maui Community Health Center – \$2.95 million

These funds are supporting the Community Clinic of Maui to expand in Kahului. 40 percent of health center patients have no insurance and an additional third are on QUEST.

State of Hawaii, Hansen's Disease Treatment – \$10.14 million

This funding provides continued support, including medical care and treatment, for people suffering from Hansen's Disease in Kalaupapa and at Leahi Hospital.

Children and Adolescent Health Programs in Hana – \$2.5 million (FY00 - 02)

The funds developed and executed programs that provide primary, prenatal, nutrition, and mental health care services. Funding also explored and examined health services delivery models that enhanced accessibility to services, such as telehealth and school-based health. Hana is a rural town with a population of 3,000 people, including 1,000 children and adolescents.

Molokai General Hospital - Telehealth – \$350,000 (FY01 & FY02)

This appropriation helped to fund and develop telehealth programs at Molokai General Hospital and Na Puuwai. Telehealth allows doctors in remote locations to access the medical expertise that is readily available in urban centers.

Molokai General Hospital – \$3 million (FY01 & FY02)

This appropriation supports the construction, in conjunction with other partners, of a new phase of Molokai General Hospital to accommodate the growing and changing health care needs of the people of Molokai.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STATEWIDE

Native Hawaiian Education -- \$146 million

These funds will be used to develop curricula for students of all levels and to continue teacher training and recruitment programs. It will also provide funding to support the repair of public schools with high percentages of Native Hawaiian children. These education programs were established under the Native Hawaiian Education Act, a 1998 measure authored by Senator Inouye that seeks to raise the educational status of Hawaii's indigenous people.

Impact Aid – \$176.38 million

Hawaii's Impact Aid funding is part of a larger amount recommended by the Congress for Impact Aid programs nationwide. Impact Aid provides support to school districts with students who are children of members of the armed forces and federal government employees.

Pacific Islands Center for Educational Development Center (American Samoa) – \$1.2 million (Since FY02)

This educational program based in American Samoa will help high school students overcome difficulty with school subjects including English and math to increase performance on various national educational tests such as the Scholastic Aptitude Test, and to allow their entry and completion of 4-year post-secondary degrees.

Title III, Strengthening Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions – \$18.37 million

These funds are Hawaii's share of the appropriation for the Title III, Strengthening Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native-Serving Institutions program. Educational institutions with large populations of Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native students are eligible to apply for grants under the program.

Bishop Museum Projects – \$8.25 million

These funds support several Bishop Museum cultural and educational programs involving community partners throughout the State, as well as internships and exchanges. This initiative is part of an appropriation that also supports programs at museums in Alaska and Massachusetts. Among other things, funds have been used by Bishop Museum to develop Native American heritage projects in collaboration with Peabody-Essex Museum in Massachusetts and the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

Globalization Network Program – \$2.8 million (FY01 & FY02)

This funding will go to support the joint Globalization Network Program project of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the University of Southern Florida, Georgetown University, and the University of California at Los Angeles.

INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

STATEWIDE

Bishop Museum New Trade Winds – \$1.35 million (FY01 & FY02)

This appropriation will incorporate interactive technologies and exhibit strategies in order to create a new, dynamic presentation of Hawaiian history in conjunction with the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

Library Services – \$1.53 million (Since FY03)

This initiative provides federal funds to Alu Like, Inc., which runs an employment and training program, to train Native Hawaiians as librarians and in computer science.